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Dear Students and Families,

It is hard to believe summer is coming to an end while simultaneously preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming your students back to school in the coming weeks. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 20th. The school day in Prosper begins at 8:00am and ends at 3:00pm.

#### Program Goals

Prosper Day School takes place in Sioux Falls at the Teachwell site located at 715 E. 14th Street.. Prosper Day School's programming encompasses the following themes :

- Academics
- Communication
- Behavior/Sensory
- Social Skills
- Daily Living
- Community Skills

#### School Calendar/Transportation

Attached/enclosed is the school calendar which indicates the number of days we are in session. You will follow your district's cancellation policy when school is canceled (due to no means of transportation), late start, or early dismissal. Your home district Special Education Director or Transportation Director will coordinate with you regarding transportation to/from Teachwell. Please make sure you contact your district to confirm transportation. Please note, Teachwell's school calendar may be slightly different than your home district calendar. On days in which Teachwell is in session and your home district is not, the student will attend Teachwell. If Teachwell is off and your home district is in session, your student will have those days off. Please review the attached calendar and let Tyler, Katie, PK, or Kristin know if you have any questions.

#### Absences

If a student plans to be absent from school it is important to let the school know by 8:00 am by calling the school office at 605-367-7680. You may also call/text /email the following individuals:

- Tyler Anderson at [tyler.anderson@teachwell.org](mailto:tyler.anderson@teachwell.org) or 605-223-0065
- PK Nduru at [pk.nduru@teachwell.org](mailto:pk.nduru@teachwell.org)
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- Justin Mitchell at [Justin.Mitchell@teachwell.org](mailto:Justin.Mitchell@teachwell.org)

#### What to Bring

Prosper Day School does not have a list of mandatory supplies for students. If students prefer a certain type of pencil/pen/markers or other school supplies they may bring those items to be labeled and stored with their school belongings. Other basic school supplies will be provided by the Teachwell Prosper

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school. If your student has accidents at times, please send some extra underwear/change of clothes with them in a labeled zip-lock bag that can be stored and accessed when needed. If your student wears briefs/pull-ups, please ensure to send some as well as wipes at the start of the school year. Staff will communicate the need for additional supplies as necessary.

### School Lunch

School lunch forms are attached separately for your review. School lunch will be available to purchase. The free or reduced lunch application is also attached. Please note, if you are needing free/reduced lunch, you will need to submit the attached forms prior to the start of the school year. If the forms are not returned prior to the start of the school year and your student orders a lunch it will be billed at full price. We are unfortunately not able to go back and change the price after the meal has been purchased so please return these forms prior to the start of the school year. As always, students may also pack their own lunch/snacks to be stored/prepared at Teachwell as well.

### Medications

If your student requires medication that will need to be administered at school you will need to fill out the attached prescription medication forms and return them to Teachwell.

### Cell phone use

All students will be given the privilege of accessing their personal phone during non-academic lesson time. However, all parents/students must agree to the cell phone expectation and policy in order for personal phones to be accessed. Please review the attached cell phone policy and sign at the bottom. This document will need to be signed and returned for any student who plans to access a personal cell phone device.

### Weather/Dress Attire

Proper attire is to be worn at school by all students to foster an environment conducive to learning. It is important for students to observe basic rules of personal hygiene and dress in a manner that would not disrupt the educational process. With those guidelines, students need to be mindful of the South Dakota seasons too. We understand weather is unpredictable in South Dakota but preparation is key to survival in our lovely state: be prepared for those rainy days, be prepared for those chilly/snowy days, and be prepared for those hot, humid days.

### Daily Communication

Each student and their families will be provided with a daily summary of their students day via Seesaw. Daily summaries will include information about behavior, therapies, and other activities they completed throughout their day.

On behalf of Teachwell Prosper , we want to thank you for your support and collaboration in setting realistic and achievable goals for 2025-2026. We look forward to a year of growth!

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